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# Newsletter

## Red Dragons Celebrate a 'Diamond' Jubilee

### Baseball, Softball Teams Reach 30-Win Levels; Compete in NCAA Tournament

Expectations were high for Cortland's baseball and softball teams entering the 1997 season. The baseball squad was looking not only to make its fifth straight NCAA tournament appearance, but to advance to the Division III World Series for the second time in three seasons. The softball team looked to make the next step in its steady rise back to national recognition by qualifying for NCAA tournament play. Neither team disappointed as Cortland enjoyed its best combined baseball/softball season in school history.

#### Baseball Finishes Third in Nation

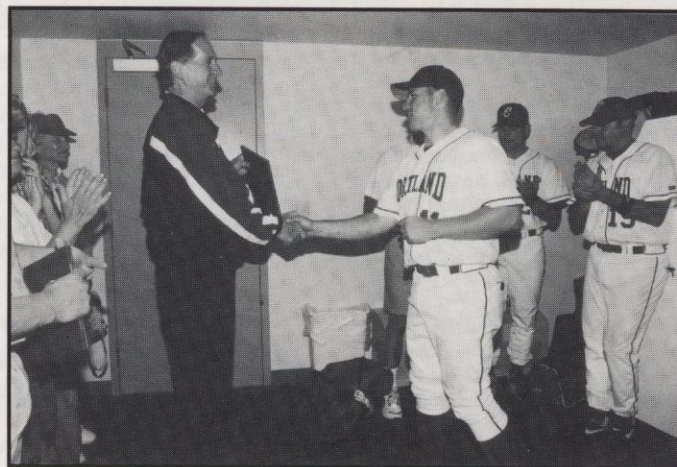
Recently, the New York Region has been the Rodney Dangerfield of the NCAA Division III World Series. The Red Dragons, however, earned the respect of the nation with a 3-2 record and a third-place finish at the eight-team tournament in Salem, Va. The wins were the first by an Empire State representative since 1993.

Cortland finished the season 31-10, marking the program's fourth straight 30-win season. After losing to Carthage (Wis.) 6-4 in the opening game of the tournament, the Red Dragons bounced back to beat Bridgewater St. (Mass.), 12-5, nationally top-ranked North Carolina Wesleyan, 4-3, and eventual national champion Southern Maine, 2-1. Cortland was one victory shy of the national championship game before being eliminated, 8-1, by the College of Wooster (Ohio).

Making its fifth consecutive NCAA playoff appearance and sixth overall, head coach Steve Owens' squad advanced to Salem by winning three straight games at the New York Regional in Albany. The Red Dragons also captured the SUNYAC Championship for the 17th time overall and sixth time in seven years.

Junior outfielder Alex Steele of Harrington Park, N.J., was chosen as a second team All-American and the ECAC Upstate New York Division III "Player of the Year." A heavily scouted pro prospect, Steele batted .388 with 46 RBI and a school-record 13 home runs. Steele's 24 roundtrippers are a school career record. Junior pitcher Scott Landers of Windsor, N.Y., was a third team All-American. He posted a 7-3 record and 2.45 ERA. Senior shortstop Doug Premo of Rome, N.Y., was honored after the season as a first team national GTE College Division Academic All-American. Premo was a third team Academic All-American as a junior. Steele, Landers, Premo and senior catcher John Sheible of Thornwood, N.Y., were all first team all-region honorees.

(see Spring Recap, page 3)



(Top) Red Dragon head baseball coach Steve Owens (center, facing right) addresses his players prior to their NCAA Division III World Series opener versus Carthage College.

(Bottom) SUNY Cortland's graduation and the final game of the NCAA New York Baseball Regional fell on the same day in mid-May. The Red Dragon seniors, however, were able to "graduate" in front of family and friends at an informal ceremony following Cortland's World Series win over Bridgewater State. President Judson H. Taylor (left) makes a presentation to co-captain Jason Rucker in a luxury box at the Salem Memorial Baseball Stadium.

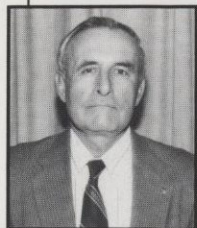
(photos by Pete Koryzno)



## Message from the C-Club Director

Dear Cortland C-Club Members:

With excellent performances in both the winter and spring seasons, our student-athletes once again proved they are among the best the nation has to offer in the Division III ranks.



We had an exciting winter, capped off by our men's basketball team earning a trip to the NCAA tournament for the first time. What made this team special was its

chemistry. On paper, this may have appeared to be a decent team at best, but give credit to Tom Spanbauer for getting the most out of his players night in and night out. Our close loss at St. John Fisher in the opening round of the NCAA tournament is one of the most exciting games I've seen in a long time.

One of the nice things about working with the athletic teams at Cortland is that a number of teams in any given year will probably be among the nation's best. In just the spring season alone, our baseball, softball and women's lacrosse were all nationally ranked in the top 15.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching our baseball team battle back after an opening round loss to finish third at the World Series in Virginia. My greatest source of pride, however, is not the performance of just one or two teams, but instead our standings in the Sears Directors' Cup and the SUNYAC Commissioner's Cup-- two competitions that measure the overall strength of an athletic program. We were 10th nationally in the Sears Cup midway through the spring. The finishes of our baseball and track and field teams will most likely move us up a couple of notches in the final standings. On a conference level, we easily won the first Commissioner's Cup, which I accepted at a SUNYAC dinner in mid-May. Of 18 conference sports, our teams placed in the top three in 17, with eight winning league titles!!

Finally, thanks to the loyal supporters who turned out for the C-Club Golf Tournament in late May. It was nice to actually play a round of golf in spring-like weather conditions, considering the weather we've battled through the last couple of months.

Enjoy your summer and, as always, thank you for your support of Cortland athletics.

**Lee Roberts**  
C-Club Director  
Cortland Athletic Director

# C-Club Notebook

## Cortland to Offer Women's Golf in Fall

Starting this September, women's golf will be added to the varsity sports slate at SUNY Cortland, according to athletic director **Lee Roberts**. The sport was last offered at the school in the spring of 1982, when the Red Dragons placed sixth at the AIAW Division III Championships under head coach and C-Club Hall of Fame member **Sally Wallace '53**.

With the addition, Cortland will offer 24 varsity sports -- 13 women's and 11 men's. A head coach for the team is yet to be named. Among the Red Dragons' possible opponents are SUNY schools Brockport and Plattsburgh, both of which are also planning to add the sport.

## Red Dragons Win First Annual SUNYAC Commissioner's Cup

Sparked by eight conference titles, the Cortland athletic program claimed the first annual SUNYAC Commissioner's Cup for overall sports excellence during the 1996-97 school year.

Commissioner's Cup points are given based on each team's finish in the SUNYAC standings. Tournament finishes are used if applicable. The school finishing first receives 12 points, second place 11, and so on. Schools are ranked on their average score per sport.

Cortland led the standings with an average of 10.86 points. Binghamton was second (8.97) and Geneseo third (8.68). The Red Dragons won league crowns in men's and women's cross country, volleyball, men's and women's indoor track and field, baseball, women's lacrosse and men's outdoor track and field and placed second in five other sports.

## Combined Men's and Women's SUNYAC Basketball Tournament Set For Utica Memorial Auditorium

The State University of New York Athletic Conference men's and women's post-season basketball tournaments will be held at the Utica Memorial Auditorium in both 1998 and 1999.

Sixteen teams (eight men's, eight women's) will participate in the 1998 playoffs from Feb. 26 to March 1. The winners receive automatic berths into the NCAA Division III playoffs.

The tournaments have been at separate sites since 1993. Cortland, by virtue of winning SUNYAC East titles, hosted the men's playoffs in 1995 and this past winter.

## Truluck Signs Free Agency Contract With Washington Redskins

**R-Kal Truluck '97** saw his dream of being selected in the National Football League draft disappear this past April, but his goal of making an NFL roster is still within reach.

The former Red Dragon defensive end/linebacker signed as a rookie free agent with the Washington Redskins one day after the draft ended and attended the team's one-week mini-camp. Truluck will participate in the Redskins' rookie camp in early June and the team's regular summer camp in July at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

Truluck, who spent most of his teenage years in a foster home as his mother overcame alcohol and drug addictions, was featured in a *Newsday* story prior to the draft and a *Washington Post* story after he signed with the Redskins.

## Halloran Selected to National Hall of Fame

**Jack Halloran '50** has been selected for induction into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's second Hall of Fame induction class, according to a report in the *Binghamton Press and Sun Bulletin*. He will be among 35 coaches nationwide honored at a June 26 ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D.

A member of the Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame, Halloran began coaching at Whitney Point High School in 1951. He coached basketball for 42 years, track and field for 37 seasons and football for 12 years, in addition to serving as athletic director for 32 years.

Halloran is the winningest public high school basketball coach in New York State with a 630-232 record. He is a member of the New York State Basketball Coaches Association and Section IV Halls of Fame.

## Bucknor Making the Big League Calls

Gradually working his way up the ranks, baseball umpire **Cedrick "C.B." Bucknor '84** recently received an opportunity to work major league games. Bucknor started the 1997 season in the Class AAA International League, but was called up as a replacement umpire in mid-May and worked a number of National League contests. Bucknor played at Cortland from 1982-84 and is still the school's career leader with 65 stolen bases.



## Spring Recap

(continued from page 1)

### Softball Reaches NCAA Tournament Goal

When Julie Lenhart became head softball coach prior to the 1995 season, she inherited a Cortland team with a proud past of six previous NCAA tournament appearances, but an unstable present with a 5-28 record in 1994. The Red Dragons made steady progress during her first two years, winning 11 and 18 games, respectively, to boost expectations entering the 1997 campaign.

The prosperous future has arrived. This spring, Cortland posted a school record 30-14 mark, won the SUNYAC Eastern Division title and earned the top seed in the NCAA Division III East Regional. The Red Dragons, making their first NCAA showing since 1992, hosted regional play in May when the record-setting season came to a close with a pair of narrow losses.

Junior shortstop June Maloney of Commack, N.Y., was named a second team All-American and was joined on the All-East Region squad by sophomore pitcher Leslie Lance of Johnson City, N.Y., and junior third baseman Kim Killigrew of Canandaigua, N.Y. Maloney had a team-high .441 batting average, two home runs and equaled a school record with 39 runs batted in. She is the Cortland career hit leader with 134.

Lance set single-season school records with 18 wins, 125 strikeouts, seven shutouts and 184.7 innings pitched and is the career strikeout leader (205) in just two seasons. She posted a 1.18 earned run average and, during one stretch of the season, pitched over 36 consecutive scoreless innings. Lance also earned regional Academic All-America honors. Killigrew batted .328 with a homer and 19 RBI. Lenhart was honored as both the Division III East Region and SUNYAC "Coach of the Year."

### Mascoll Cruises to NCAA 100-Meter Dash Title

Stefan Mascoll missed winning the 55-meter dash indoor track title by a mere three-hundredths of a second (see Men's Indoor Track and Field recap), but left no doubts about his national-caliber talents at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Mascoll won the 100-meter dash crown with a time of 10.53 seconds at the national meet in late May at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The national title is the first by a Cortland men's track and field athlete since 1989.

A freshman from Nanuet, N.Y., Mascoll earned two All-America honors at the meet. He placed third in the 200-meter dash (21.2 seconds). The 16 team points he captured gave the Red Dragons a tie for 13th in the final team standings. Freshman Bill Shuren of Bayport, N.Y., also competed at the national meet, finishing tied for ninth in the pole vault (15'7").

In April, Cortland won the SUNYAC Championships in Binghamton, marking the first time since 1976 that Fredonia did not win the conference title. First-year head coach Brian Lange was honored as both the SUNYAC and New York Regional "Coach of the Year."

### Lauzon Takes Two All-America Track Honors

Junior Cindy Lauzon of Fort Covington, N.Y., turned in a pair of All-America performances to lead the Red Dragons to a tie for 31st place at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Lauzon finished third in the 10,000 meters with a time of 36:18.12, improving on her seventh place finish from 1996. She also finished seventh in the 5,000 meters, covering the distance in 17:39.95.

In April, Cortland narrowly missed winning its eighth SUNYAC title. The team placed second by four points to Fredonia at the conference meet at Binghamton in April.

### Women's Lacrosse Wins Inaugural SUNYAC Title

The Cortland women's lacrosse team, led by first-year head coach Stacey Schilling, finished the season 10-7 and won the first-ever SUNYAC championship with a 19-7 victory against Brockport in late April. The Red Dragons also advanced to the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association semifinals for the eighth consecutive season.

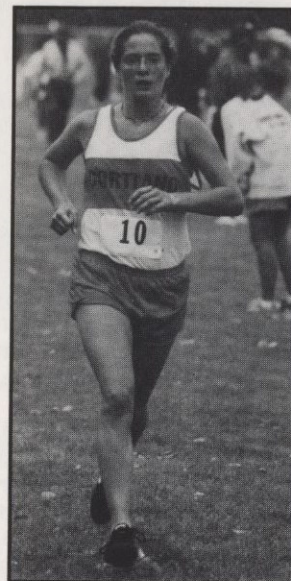
Cortland, ranked 15th nationally at the time, won its quarterfinal game at 10th-ranked Hartwick, 17-14, and led third-ranked William Smith 7-1 in the semifinals before falling 11-9. The Red Dragons finished fourth in the state after dropping a 14-10 decision to sixth-rated Rensselaer.

Junior Kristin DiMarzo of Putnam Valley, N.Y., was chosen as a Division III second team All-American at the end of the season. The midfielder was third on the Red Dragon squad in scoring (46 points) and second in groundballs (85). Sophomore Christy DeVerna of Setauket, N.Y., and senior Becky Meyer of Hamburg, N.Y., joined DiMarzo on the all-state first team. DeVerna led the team with 74 points, including a school-record 27 assists. Meyer was selected to compete in the Division III North-South Senior All-Star Game June 6 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

### Men's Lacrosse Struggles with Close Decisions

After starting the season with a promising 4-3 record, the Red Dragon men's lacrosse team dropped its final six contests to finish 4-10. Sixth-year head coach Mike Pounds' squad, facing one of the most difficult schedules in Division III, lost five one-goal decisions including two in overtime.

Senior attackman Dennis Pupke of West Islip, N.Y., led the team with 40 goals and 54 total points. He was chosen as a Division III honorable mention All-American and first team All-Super Six Lacrosse League on attack. In three seasons at Cortland, Pupke is eighth on the career charts with 112 goals scored and is tied for 13th at the school in scoring with 141 points.



**Junior Cindy Lauzon was an All-American in both the 5,000-meter and 10,000-meter run at the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships.**

(photo courtesy of SUNY Cortland Didascalion)



# Winter Season Produces National Success Stories

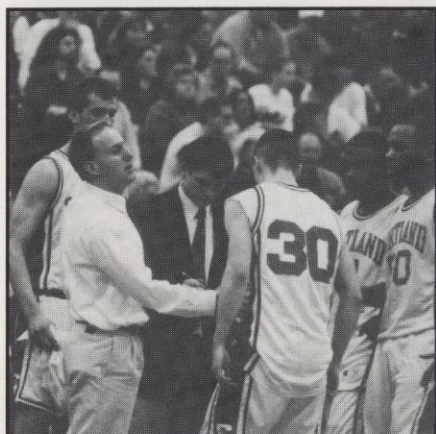
## Basketball, Track and Field, Women's Gymnastics Among Teams in Spotlight

A school-best men's basketball campaign and a pair of women's individual national titles in track and gymnastics highlighted a successful and exciting Cortland winter sports season.

### Men's Basketball Earns First NCAA Berth

For the third straight year, the league coaches predicted that Cortland's men's basketball team would finish in the middle of the pack in the State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC). For the third time, the prognosticators were wrong.

The Red Dragons, guided by SUNYAC "Coach of the Year" Tom Spanbauer '84, won a school-record 19 games, claimed their third straight conference East Division title and qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in school history. Cortland's 19-9 season included two playoff wins to advance to the SUNYAC championship game, hosted by the Red Dragons in early March. The "dream season" came to a close with a 77-70 loss at St. John Fisher in the first round of the national tournament.



**Head Coach Tom Spanbauer (left) gives instructions during the SUNYAC Men's Basketball Championship Game at Cortland. Spanbauer, the SUNYAC "Coach of the Year," led the Red Dragons to a school-record 19-9 mark and their first-ever showing in the NCAA Tournament.**

*(photo courtesy of SUNY Cortland Didascalion)*

Cortland's all-conference trio was junior guard Jeff Moesch of Owego, N.Y., who averaged 17.1 points per game before suffering a season-ending ankle injury in mid-February.

Seniors Tim Darnell of Clyde, N.Y., and Frank Hodge of Manhattan sparked the Red Dragons. Darnell, a first-team ECAC and SUNYAC all-star guard, hit a school-record 92 three-point field goals and led the team with an 18.9 points per game scoring average. In four years, Darnell scored 1,351 points, fourth-best total in school history, and made a school-record 220 three-pointers.

Hodge, one of the region's top forwards, averaged 15.6 points and 9.0 rebounds per contest. He was a first team All-SUNYAC honoree. Rounding out

### Swarts Repeats as National Track Champion

Many thought the book was closed on All-American Heidi Swarts after winning three national track titles in 1996. But the Dansville, N.Y., native had one season of indoor track and

field eligibility remaining. Making the most of the opportunity, Swarts won her second straight NCAA Division III indoor 1,500-meter crown in early March. First-year head coach Brian Lange's Red Dragon squad tied for 10th in the final team standings.

Swarts also earned four SUNYAC first-place medals. The host Red Dragons claimed their eighth conference team title and first since 1993. Swarts won 500-meter, 800-meter and 1,500-meter individual titles and was part of Cortland's winning 4 x 400-meter relay team. Junior Cindy Lauzon of Fort Covington, N.Y., was a double-winner at the SUNYAC meet (1,000 meters and 4 x 800-meter relay) and represented Cortland at nationals in the 5,000-meter run. Senior Beth Whitehead of Queensbury, N.Y., was also a national qualifier, competing in the 55-meter hurdles.

### Modi Wins Uneven Bars National Title; Kuramoto Steps Down as Coach

A model of consistency, freshman Sulekha Modi of Bayside, N.Y., won the uneven bars competition in every meet during the regular season and set the school record in the event with a 9.65 score on two separate occasions.

She held true to form in the post-season, claiming top honors in the event at the ECAC Championships in Cortland in early March and winning a national title three weeks later at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Division III Championships in La Crosse, Wis.

Modi's title, coupled with an All-America fifth-place showing on balance beam, led the Red Dragons to a fifth place team finish. Head Coach Steve Kuramoto, who is leaving the area, produced 16 All-America honors during his five years at Cortland.

### Mascoll Finishes Among Nation's Top Sprinters

In everyday life, three one-hundredths of a second isn't even noticeable. For freshman Stefan Mascoll, however, it was the difference between himself and the title "Fastest Man in Division III" this past winter.

The Nanuet, N.Y., native finished second in the 55-meter dash at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in early March. His time of 6.39 seconds was barely slower than Rensselaer's Krishaun Gilmore's winning mark of 6.36 seconds. Mascoll, who set a Cortland school record earlier in the meet with a preliminary time of 6.37 seconds, helped first-year head coach Brian Lange's team finish tied for 18th in the national standings.

Other Red Dragon national qualifiers were freshman Bill Shuren of Bayport, N.Y., in the pole vault and junior Jeff Hoyt of Westfield, N.Y., in the high jump.

Earlier in the season, the Red Dragons captured their first SUNYAC indoor title since 1982 while ending Fredonia's run of eight consecutive league crowns. Mascoll was a double-winner in the 55-meter and 200-meter races.

*(see Winter Recap, page 5)*



## Winter Recap

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### Women's Basketball Squad Makes Third Straight ECAC Playoff Showing

The Cortland women's basketball team, under the direction of third-year head coach Kathy Ryan, finished the season 15-11 and made the program's third straight ECAC Upstate New York Division III playoff appearance. For the third straight year, the Red Dragons lost a close game to Elmira in the tournament's opening round. This year's verdict was a 60-56 overtime defeat.

Senior center Suzanne Frenyea of Plattsburgh, N.Y., earned first team All-SUNYAC honors for the second consecutive season. She led the team with 13.8 points and 8.2 rebounds per game and finished her career with 1,020 points and 644 rebounds. She joins school scoring leader Kiki Seago Karweck '93 as the only other player in Cortland women's basketball history to reach both the 1,000-point and 600-rebound marks during a career.

### Five Wrestlers Qualify for NCAA Championships

Sophomore Michael Bucci of Red Hook, N.Y., earned All-America honors for the second straight season and junior Mark Winters of Dorloog, N.Y., for the first time during the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships at Ohio Northern University in early March. Bucci finished seventh at heavyweight and owned an overall record of 25-5, while Winters was eighth at 177 pounds and finished the season 24-11.

Cortland, which tied for 26th in the national team standings, was also represented at the meet by freshman 118-pounder Joe Boxer of Clinton Township, N.Y., sophomore Scott Ferris of Long Valley, N.J., at 134 pounds and freshman Rob Padilla of Newburgh, N.Y., at 150 pounds.

Veteran coach Gene Nighman's squad completed the season with an 8-8 dual record, including wins over Ithaca, RIT and Springfield along with an upset of Mt. Union at the Division III National Duals.

### Ryon Earns Pair of All-America Pool Honors

Junior Corey Ryon of Farmington, N.Y., earned honorable mention All-America status in two events while leading the Red Dragons to 42nd place at the NCAA Division III Men's Swimming and Diving Championships at Miami University of Ohio in mid-March. Ryon placed 11th in the 1,650-yard freestyle in a school-record time of 16:18.04 and was 15th in the 500-yard freestyle, setting a school-record of 4:41.31 in preliminaries.

Second-year mentor Ryan Kendrick '94 was named the SUNYAC "Coach of the Year." He guided the Red Dragons to a 9-6 dual meet record and a tie for second at the conference championships, hosted by Cortland in February.

Junior Kevin Crossman of Warrensburg, N.Y., won three events at the meet, including the 200-yard individual medley for the third consecutive year. Ryon won the 500-yard freestyle and was part of two winning relays.



**Freshman Sulekha Modi performs a release move on the uneven bars at the ECAC Division III Women's Gymnastics Championships at Cortland. Modi was unbeaten on the event throughout the season, claiming a national title at the NCGA Division III Championships at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in March.**

(photo courtesy of SUNY Cortland Didascalion)

### Covert Named Outstanding Swimmer at SUNYAC Meet

Junior Jessica Covert of Suffern, N.Y., won two individual events and was a member of a winning relay team as Red Dragons placed third out of 10 schools at the SUNYAC Women's Swimming and Diving Championships.

Cortland hosted the first-ever combined men's and women's SUNYAC championship meet in February. Covert was named the meet's "Outstanding Female Swimmer" after winning the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle, placing third in the 100-yard freestyle and swimming a leg on the winning 200-yard medley relay team.

Beth Dobberstein, a junior from Rochester, N.Y., and senior Michelle DiPasquale of Burnt Hills, N.Y., each swam on the winning 200-yard medley relay squad for the third time in their careers. Dobberstein also claimed her second straight 200-yard individual medley title. The Red Dragons, under coach Ryan Kendrick '94, finished the season with a 3-6 dual meet record.

### Tyo Shines for Red Dragon Skaters; MacCormack Leaving After 16 Years

Senior forward Mark Tyo of Massena, N.Y., enjoyed a solid final season as the leading scorer with 19 goals and 22 assists for the Cortland ice hockey team. Tyo moved into second place among the school's career scoring leaders with 121 points (51 goals, 70 assists).

The four-year letterwinner earned first team All-SUNYAC recognition and was chosen to compete in the Eastern College Division II-III East-West Senior All-Star Game in Plattsburgh at season's end.

The Red Dragons enjoyed a 6-5 record at home, including impressive wins over Hamilton, Canisius and Oswego, but struggled away from the friendly confines of Alumni Arena and finished 7-16-1.

Head coach Al MacCormack completed his 16th and final season at Cortland this winter. MacCormack, who also served as the Red Dragons' assistant men's soccer coach and Alumni Arena manager, is leaving the school to establish and coach ice hockey at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa.



# 1997 CORTLAND SPRING SPORTS SCOREBOARD

## BASEBALL (31-10, 11-1) Head Coach: Steve Owens

### March

9	+ St. Xavier, IL	8-4
10	# Florida Tech	5-0
11	# Limestone, SC	7-9
12	# Tiffin, OH	8-5
13	# St. Norbert, WI	7-9
	# St. Norbert, WI	5-4
14	+ Bethel, TN	canc.
15	# Anderson, IN	5-1
27	at Ithaca	8-0
28	at William Paterson	2-9
29	at Montclair St.	7-3

### April

5	* ONEONTA	8-0
	* ONEONTA	5-4
6	RENSSELAER	5-4
9	ROCHESTER	15-8
10	at Hartwick	3-1
12	* at Oneonta	7-3
	* at Oneonta	11-0
13	* at New Paltz	28-1
	* at New Paltz	12-8
15	ITHACA	4-5
17	at Mansfield	canc.
	at Mansfield	
20	at Oswego	5-7
21	* NEW PALTZ	25-2
	* NEW PALTZ	10-2
22	* at Binghamton	11-2
	* at Binghamton	17-0
26	* BINGHAMTON	13-6
	* BINGHAMTON	6-9
27	at Le Moyne	8-11
29	HAMILTON	9-7
30	St. Lawrence	6-7

(at Watertown Fairgrounds)

### May

3	\$ OSWEGO	9-0
	\$ OSWEGO	8-1
6	at Scranton	9-6
15	! Old Westbury	8-5
16	! Rensselaer	6-1
17	! Rensselaer	6-5
24	= Carthage	4-6
25	= Bridgewater St.	12-5
26	= N.C. Wesleyan	4-3
27	= Southern Maine	2-1
28	= Wooster	1-8

\* SUNYAC East # at Omond Beach, FL  
+ at Daytona Beach, FL  
\$ SUNYAC Championship (at Cortland)  
! NCAA Div. III NY Reg. (Heritage Park, Albany)  
= NCAA Div. III World Series (Salem, Va.)

## MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK/FIELD Head Coach: Brian Lange

### March

15	Wash. & Lee Invit.	12th of 15
28-29	at Coll. of N.J. Invit.	No scoring

### April

5	at Ithaca Invit.	1st of 12
12	at Lehigh Games	No scoring
19	at Lock Haven Invit.	3rd of 7
26	SUNYAC Champ.	1st of 8

(at Binghamton)

### May

3	Big Red Invitational	No scoring
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(at Cornell)

21-24	NCAA Div. III Champ.	tie 13th/70
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(at Wis.-La Crosse)

## SOFTBALL (30-14, 7-1) Head Coach: Julie Lenhart

### March

9	# Marietta, OH	3-1
	# Benedictine, IL	1-5
10	# Kean, NJ	8-7 (8)
	# St. Norbert, WI	1-4
12	# Hiram, OH	11-1
	# Tiffin, OH	4-0
13	# Messiah, PA	5-2
	# Mt. Union, OH	7-8
14	# Simpson, IA	canc.
	# Penn St.-Behrend	canc.
23	at Kean	2-5 (8)
	at Kean	10-9 (8)
28	\$ William Paterson	2-1
	\$ Chowan	4-12
	\$ Ithaca	3-4

### April

4	* at Utica/Rome	5-0
	* at Utica/Rome	6-5
5	SKIDMORE	8-0
	SKIDMORE	6-5
8	at Ithaca	2-3
	at Ithaca	2-3
11	+ ALLEGHENY	5-4 (8)
	+ BUFFALO ST.	8-2
12	+ BRIDGEWATER ST.	9-4
	+ WHEATON, MA	0-8
14	at RIT	12-0
	at RIT	12-4
16	* at Binghamton	3-2
	* at Binghamton	5-4
20	* at New Paltz	5-4
	* at New Paltz	13-0
20	at Scranton	canc.
	at Scranton	
22	BUFFALO ST.	2-1 (8)
	BUFFALO ST.	11-1
24	* ONEONTA	1-0
	* ONEONTA	0-8
26	ELMIRA	8-0
	ELMIRA	8-0
27	E. CONN. ST.	5-0
	E. CONN. ST.	10-7
30	BROCKPORT	1-0
	BROCKPORT	3-1

### May

2	& Buffalo St.	2-3 (9)
2	& Oneonta	8-2
4	& Buffalo St.	0-1
9	! BROCKPORT	3-6
9	! BINGHAMTON	2-3 (8)

\* SUNYAC East  
# Rebel Spring Games at Ocoee, FL  
\$ Montclair/Kean Tournament  
+ Cortaca Classic  
& SUNYAC Champ. at Brockport  
! NCAA Div. III East Regional at Cortland

(HOME GAMES IN CAPS)

## MEN'S LACROSSE (4-10, 0-5) Head Coach: Mike Pounds

### March

8	# Greensboro Coll.	9-10
9	# Shenandoah	14-5
15	at Franklin & Marsh.	9-7
23	\$ Potsdam	6-7 (OT)
29	at Ohio Wesleyan	3-22

### April

2	CLARKSON	14-10
5	at Oswego	14-9
9	* at Nazareth	9-20
12	* HARTWICK	8-9
16	* ITHACA	11-16
19	* at RIT	8-11
22	ST. LAWRENCE	14-15
26	SPRINGFIELD	9-10 (OT)

### May

3	* at Alfred	6-18
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\* Super Six Lacrosse League  
# Wash. & Lee Tournament (Lexington, VA)  
\$ Coyne Field (Syracuse, NY)

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE (10-7, 3-0) Head Coach: Stacey Schilling

### March

23	at Lock Haven	11-13
26	at Rochester	12-13
29	at Brockport	13-6

### April

3	at Ithaca	14-11
6	* POTSDAM	23-2
8	at St. Lawrence	ppd.
10	at Geneseo	20-5
12	HARTWICK	16-18
14	* ONEONTA	14-8
15	E. STROUDSBURG	15-7
17	at Le Moyne	18-6
22	* OSWEGO	18-12
24	WILLIAM SMITH	12-16
26	# BROCKPORT	19-7
27	at Hamilton	13-19
30	\$ at Hartwick	17-14

### May

3	+ William Smith	9-11
4	+ Rensselaer	10-14

\* SUNYAC East  
# SUNYAC Championship (at Cortland)  
\$ NYSWCAA Quarterfinals  
+ NYSWCAA "Final Four" (at Hamilton)

## WOMEN'S OUT. TRACK/FIELD Head Coach: Brian Lange

### March

15	Wash. & Lee Invit.	10th of 15
28-29	at Coll. of N.J. Invit.	No scoring

### April

5	at Ithaca Invit.	2nd of 11
12	at Lehigh Games	No scoring
19	at Lock Haven Invit.	3rd of 6
26	SUNYAC Champ.	2nd of 8

(at Binghamton)

### May

3	Big Red Invitational	No scoring
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(at Cornell)

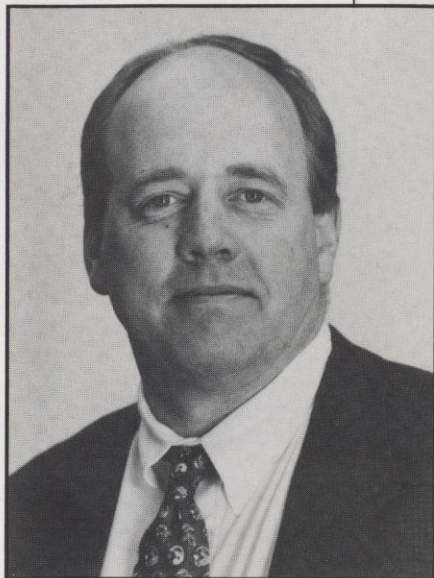
9-10	ECAC Champ.	tie 12th/36
21-24	NCAA Div. III Champ.	tie 31st/73

(at Wis.-La Crosse)



# Daniel MacNeill Hired as Football Coach

Daniel W. MacNeill, an assistant coach at Division I-AA Villanova University since 1984, has been selected as the new head football coach at SUNY Cortland.



Villanova finished 8-4 and earned a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

While at Villanova, MacNeill has coached three AFCA/Kodak First Team All-Americans, one Associated Press All-American, six first team All-Yankee Conference performers, six first team All-ECAC selections and one player who went on to the NFL. He received a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Villanova in 1994.

A SUNY Cortland alumnus, MacNeill, 40, served as linebackers coach at Villanova and has been the team's defensive coordinator since 1988. One of the nation's top defensive coaches, MacNeill's charges consistently ranked among the best defensive teams in the Yankee Conference.

His 1991 squad finished the year first nationally in scoring defense, second in total defense and fifth in rushing defense while leading the Yankee Conference in every defensive category. The Wildcats placed first nationally in rushing defense in 1992. This past season,

"It's always been my goal to be a head football coach," MacNeill said. "The chance to come back and coach at my alma mater is an exciting opportunity. I'm looking forward to it very much."

A 1979 Cortland graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education, MacNeill was a four-year Red Dragon letterwinner and three-year starter at linebacker and defensive tackle.

He served as a team tri-captain during his senior campaign in 1978. In his last varsity game against Southern Connecticut State, he was credited with 11 unassisted

tackles and three quarterback sacks.

MacNeill began his football coaching career as an assistant at Port Byron (N.Y.) Central High School from 1980 to 1982, prior to being named as a graduate assistant coach at Ithaca College. He coached Ithaca's junior varsity team in 1982 and was in charge of the Bomber receivers in 1983.

A native of Walton, N.Y., MacNeill was an all-league defensive end at Walton Central High School as a senior in 1974.

MacNeill is Cortland's 11th head coach since the school's modern era of football began in 1924. He replaces seven-year head coach Dave Murray, who left Cortland in December to become the head football coach at Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania.

MacNeill and his wife, Sherrie, have a seven-month old daughter, Mikayla. MacNeill's parents, Art and Joyce, reside in Cortland.

## CORTLAND HEAD FOOTBALL COACHES (since 1924)

Coach .....	Years	Record
<b>Willard Ashbrook</b> .....	<b>1924-27</b>	<b>13-10-4</b>
<b>George Hendricks</b> .....	<b>1928</b>	<b>0-5-1</b>
<b>Howard Hobson</b> .....	<b>1929</b>	<b>3-4-0</b>
<b>Henry Kumpf</b> .....	<b>1930-31</b>	<b>6-6-1</b>
<b>Carl "Chugger" Davis</b> .....	<b>1932-62</b>	<b>105-67-17</b>
<b>Roger Robinson</b> .....	<b>1963-79</b>	<b>70-77-3</b>
<b>Ed Decker</b> .....	<b>1980-82</b>	<b>13-17-0</b>
<b>Larry Czarnecki</b> .....	<b>1983-85</b>	<b>12-16-0</b>
<b>Dennis Kayser</b> .....	<b>1986-89</b>	<b>26-15-0</b>
<b>Dave Murray</b> .....	<b>1990-96</b>	<b>44-30-1</b>
<b>Daniel MacNeill</b> .....	<b>1997-</b>	<b>----</b>
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>1924-96</b>	<b>292-247-27</b>

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## Darnell, Donnelly, Premo Named Top Senior Athletes

# Student-Athletes Honored at Alumni Awards Banquet

The 1997 SUNY Cortland Alumni Association Athletic Awards Banquet, held May 1 in the College's Corey Union, honored the top student-athletes from among the 600-plus who competed on Cortland's 23 men's and women's intercollegiate teams during the past academic year.

**Doug Premo (Rome)** and **Tim Darnell (Clyde)** finished tied for the Outstanding Male Senior Athlete award in a vote by each team's coach and captains. Premo is a three-time All-SUNYAC baseball selection and two-time Academic All-American. The team co-captain and starting shortstop led the Red Dragons to a third place national finish.

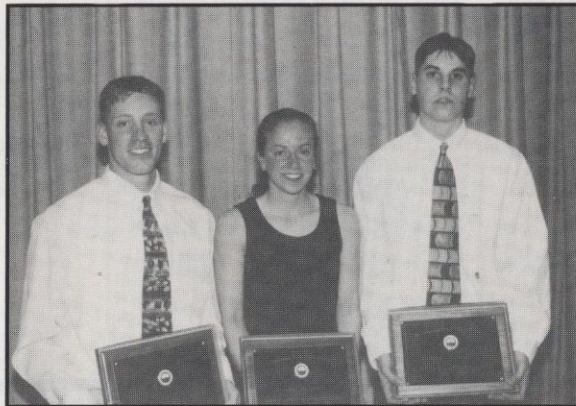
Darnell, a men's basketball tri-captain, led the Red Dragons to a school-best 19-9 record and first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. The first team All-SUNYAC and All-ECAC shooting guard led the team with 18.9 points per game, including a school-record 92 three-pointers, and finished fourth on the school's career scoring chart with 1,351 points.

Premo was also the recipient of the Carl "Chugger" Davis Award at the banquet. Named after Cortland's head football coach from 1932 to 1962, the award is bestowed upon a senior male athlete exhibiting both athletic excellence and leadership qualities. An elementary education major, Premo sported a 3.79 grade point average entering the spring.

Meanwhile, Red Dragon women's cross country and track standout **Julie Donnelly (Waterloo)** was selected as the Outstanding Female Senior Athlete for the 1996-97 school year. Donnelly has earned All-America cross country honors three times, placing 14th nationally as a senior, eighth as a junior and 17th as a junior. She was an ECAC indoor track champion this past winter in the 5,000 meters and 4x800-meter relay. She also placed

first in the same two events at the SUNYAC Indoor Track and Field Championships and won the 3,000 meters at the SUNYAC outdoor meet.

A District I Academic All-American as a junior, Donnelly captured All-America outdoor track honors in the 3,000 meters twice and was a member of three straight Red Dragon NCAA Division III cross country championships from 1994-96.



**Cortland's Senior Female Athlete of the Year Julie Donnelly (center) and co-Senior Male Athletes of the Year Doug Premo (left) and Tim Darnell (right).**

Field hockey back **Jackie Mouillesseaux (Spencer)** won the Whitney T. "Pete" Corey '43 Award, given annually to the senior female varsity athlete who registers the highest grade point average. Mouillesseaux, a sociology major, officially graduated in December, 1996, with a 3.61 GPA. She earned third team all-state honors and was chosen to the NCAA Division III All-Tournament Team last fall, helping the Red Dragons post a 19-6 record and finish third in the nation. Mouillesseaux was a member of Cortland's 1993 and 1994 national champion field hockey teams.

Senior **Gary Crossman (Queensbury)** received the George Breen '56 Award for dedication to the sport of swimming. The award is named in honor of the former Red Dragon swimmer who was the 1956 NCAA Division I 1,500-meter freestyle champion and a United States Olympic bronze medal winner in both 1956 and

1960. Crossman, a team captain each of the past two years, was part of Cortland's SUNYAC champion 400-yard medley relay team this past winter.

**C. Jane Snell**, the Dean of Cortland's School of Professional Studies since 1983 and a faculty member since 1971, was given the Fraser Stokes Award for her dedication and service to Cortland athletics. Snell oversees the Red Dragon athletic program. A tenured faculty member, Snell is relinquishing her Dean's duties at the end of the school year and will teach in Cortland's education department.

The first annual Pat Rudy "Coach of the Year" Award was presented to women's volleyball head coach **Joan Sitterly**. Sitterly led the Red Dragons to a 42-5 record and their 11th NCAA tournament appearance in 12 years. The SUNYAC and AVCA New York Region "Coach of the Year" became the 13th coach in Division III history to reach the 500-victory mark. Her record in 14 years at Cortland is 532-173.

The award is named for Cortland's field hockey and women's lacrosse coach from 1981-1996. Rudy's field hockey teams were 217-67-13, appeared in 12 NCAA tournaments and won national titles in 1993 and 1994. Her women's lacrosse teams were 141-66 and never suffered a losing record. Rudy was inducted into the C-Club Hall of Fame last November.

Each year, the Cortland head coaches select a Red Letter Award winner in their respective sports. The Red Letter may be given for outstanding athletic skills, team leadership, personal development as a player, or for any combination of reasons. The 1996-97 Red Letter Award winners, by sport, are as follows:

### 1996-97 Red Letter Awards:

#### Baseball:

Jason Rucker, Sr. (East Rochester)

#### Men's Basketball:

Tim Darnell, Sr. (Clyde) and Frank Hodge, Sr. (Manhattan)

#### Women's Basketball:

Suzanne Frenyea, Sr. (Plattsburgh)

#### Women's Cross Country:

Julie Donnelly, Sr. (Waterloo)

#### Men's Cross Country:

Connaire Foran, Fr. (Greene)

#### Field Hockey:

Dani Innerst, Grad. (N.S.W., AUSTRALIA)

#### Football:

R-Kal Truluck, Sr. (Brooklyn)

#### Women's Gymnastics:

Missey Brown, Sr. (Elmira)

#### Ice Hockey:

Mark Tyo, Sr. (Massena)

#### Men's Track and Field:

Stefan Mascoll, Fr. (Nanuet)

#### Women's Track and Field:

Beth Whitehead, Sr. (Queensbury)

#### Men's Lacrosse:

Dennis Pupke, Sr. (West Islip)

#### Women's Lacrosse:

Becky Meyer, Sr. (Hamburg)

#### Men's Soccer:

Eric Klammer, Sr. (Yorktown Heights)

#### Women's Soccer:

Michele Khuns, Sr. (Hilton)

#### Softball:

Meg McKiernan, Sr. (Oswego)

#### Men's Swimming and Diving:

Corey Ryon, Jr. (Farmington)

#### Women's Swimming/Diving:

Jessica Covert, Jr. (Suffern)

#### Women's Tennis:

Amy Cohen, Jr. (Seaford)

#### Volleyball:

Ilene Joslin, Sr. (Baldwinsville)

#### Wrestling:

Michael Bucci, So. (Red Hook)